THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The process of determination of the liabilities of various companies under DPEA is already in progress and all efforts are being made to complete it as quickly as possible.

Recovery of overcharged amount from drug companies

689. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount is due for recovery which was overcharged by drug companies;

(b) if so, what is the total amount due on 31st August, 1991;

(c) what are the hindrances, in ordering recovery of amounts due as arrears of land revenue under Essential Commodities Act; and

(d) if so, what is the decision of Government on this issue and what are the details of steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) As on 31st August 1991, the total liabilities of the companies, as per the tentative assessments, are estimated at Rs. 226 crores against which the amount recovered comes to Rs. 16 crores.

(c) and (d) The question of recovering the amount alongwith interest, as arrears of land revenue, by referring the matter to the collector concerned, is under consideration.

Licensing of non-Governmental Broadcasting

690. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to come up with a new law covering all aspects of the licensing of non-Governmental broadcasting;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the TV organisations which have shown interest in expanding the broadcast of TV programmes;

(d) whether there would be any improvement in the TV programmes after privatisation; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The Government have constituted an Inter Departmental Committee to make an indepth study of all aspects relating to the offering of telecasting/broadcasting rights to public corporations and suggest to the Government the detailed parameters to be laid down by law subject to which the telecasting/broadcasting rights could be offered to public corporations.

(c) A statement containing the names of individuals/agencies who have shown interest in establishment of broadcasting facilities or sharing time on the existing broadcasting network or to generally associate themselves with the competition in the electronic media is attached.

(d) and (e) It is expected that introduction of competition will lead to overall improvement in the programme output.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Party
1.	M/s PTI-TV Delhi
2.	M/s The Observer Channel Delhi and Bombay
3.	M/s Rajdhani Films (P) Ltd., New Delhi
4.	M/s TEDCO International Ltd., London
5.	M/s TV Programme Producers Guild of India, Calcutta
6.	M/s Paradigm Media, Bombay
7.	M/s ATHIRSTAM, Madurai